

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 10, line 33 -- page 11, line 1, as follows:

Figure [[6B]] 6D is a schematic conceptual view showing still yet another representative step of the molding process;

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 19, line 2, as follows:

With reference to Figs. 4 and 5, a first embodiment of a lid-member holder according to the present invention is illustrated, and is used in a sealing process according to the present invention as stated in detail hereinafter. In this first embodiment, the lid-member holder comprises a plate-like holder body 34 made of a suitable metal material, such as copper, brass, stainless steel, aluminum or the like. The plate-like holder body 34 is formed with a pair of positioning holes 34a arranged in the vicinity of its ends, and a plurality of circular openings 34b aligned with each other at regular intervals between the positioning [[pins]] holes 34a.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 30, line 8, as follows:

In the fourth embodiment, by varying a configuration of the spike elements [[79a]] 70a, it is possible to regulate the holding force with which the lid members 72 is held by the penetration of the spike elements 70a into the molded lid members 72. Of course, the configuration of the spike elements 70a is selected such that the holding force for the lid members [[70a]] 72 is smaller than the adhesive force between the lid members 72 and the surrounding wall members 48. Thus, when the plate-like holder body 70 is lifted up by the pneumatic sucker 54 after the adhesive agent intervened between the lid members 72 and the surrounding wall members 48 is completely cured, the plate-like holder body 70 can be

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separated from the lid members 72 securely adhered to the top end faces of the surrounding wall members 48.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 32, line 9, as follows:

Of course, the adhesive force acting on the interface between the plate-like holder body 74 and the molded lid members 76 is sufficiently smaller than the active adhesive force between the lid members 76 and the surrounding wall members 48. Thus, when the plate-like holder body 74 is lifted up by the pneumatic sucker 54 after the adhesive agent intervened between the lid members [[74]] 76 and the surrounding wall members 48 is completely cured, it is possible to easily separate the plate-like holder body 74 from the lid members 76 securely adhered to the top end faces of the surrounding wall members 48.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 37, line 1, as follows:

Similar to the aforesaid second embodiment, in the eighth seventh embodiment, at least one groove may be formed in an inner peripheral wall face of each circular opening 84 so as to be extended in a direction parallel to a central axis thereof, to thereby increase a contact area between the circular openings 84 and the stub portion 86a. Namely, by varying the contact area between contact area between the circular openings 84 and the stub portion 86a, it is possible to regulate a holding force with which the lid members 86 are held by the plate-like holder body 82. Also, although the openings 84 are circular, these openings may have another shape, such as a rectangle, a triangle, an oval or the like.

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Please amend the paragraph bridging page 39, line 33 -- page 40, line 11, as follows:

Similar to the aforesaid second embodiment, in the ~~seventh~~ eighth embodiment, at least one groove may be formed in an inner peripheral wall face of each circular opening 90 so as to be extended in a direction parallel to a central axis thereof, to thereby increase a contact area between the circular openings 90 and the stub portion 92a. Namely, by varying the contact area between contact area between the circular openings 90 and the stub portion 92a, it is possible to regulate a holding force with which the lid members 92 are held by the plate-like holder body 88. Also, although the openings 90 are circular, these openings may have another shape, such as a rectangle, a triangle, an oval or the like.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 41, line 4, as follows:

The plate-like holder body 94 is formed with a plurality of circular openings 95 which are arranged and aligned with each other at the same regular intervals as the surrounding wall members 48 securely mounted on the plate-like substrate 44, and a plurality of radial needle elements 96 are integrally and inwardly protruded from an inner peripheral wall face of each circular opening 95. As is apparent from Fig. [[10]] 20, the circular openings and the radial needle elements 96 are used to temporarily and mechanically hold a plurality of lid members 98 by the plate-like holder body 94.

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